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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 8th/March, through Sunday, 15th/March there were 236 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY9, D2, D4, DL, DU, E3, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H3, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T32, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TN, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/g, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, VU4, XE, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3W, VIETNAM

Wolfgang, DL5MAE, is once again active as 3W2MAE from Phan Thiet until March 27th. Activity will be on 20-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

3Z6, POLAND

Kris, SP6DVP (SO6V), will be active using the special callsign 3Z6V in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 28-29th) as a Single-Op. QSL via SP6DVP, by the Bureau or direct to: Krzysztof Bieniewski, P.O. Box 2210, PL 45-246 OPOLE 15, POLAND, EUROPE.

5H, TANZANIA

Chas, NK8O/VE3ISD, will once again return to Tanzania in September, but from a different area. Activity will be from a pediatric hospital at Zinga, between Bagamoya and Dar es Salaam. He believes the callsign will become 5H3 callsign (5H3CP possibly). He states that he will use a simple wire antenna and his KX3 with a KXPA100 amp. QSL via EA7FTR, LoTW and eQSL.

5T2, MAURITIANIA

Jean, 5T0JL, a member of CWJF GROUP, has confirmed that he has been authorized to use the special callsign 5T2MM between April 17-20th, and during the CQMM DX CONTEST (April 18-19th, see below). The QSL Manager is PY4KL (also for the 2014 operation 5T1MM).

5V, TOGO

Marc, F5IVC, is now active as 5V7SM from Lomé. He informs OPDX that he is there "for professional reasons for 2 years or more". He states that his activity currently is only on 10 meters SSB, but is waiting for a multi-band antenna for the other bands. QSL info for now is via his French address (see details on **QRZ.com**).

6Y, JAMAICA (Correction)

Ken, VE3LA/VE8DX, (not LY5W) was active as 6Y5/VE8DX last week. QSL via LY5W direct only (He is not LRMD member).

7Q, MALAWI

The first team of the 7QAA DXpedition (CW/RTTY team) is now active until March 21st. Operators are Axel/DL6KVA, Emil/DL8JJ, John/GW4SKA, Neil/VA7DX, Don/VE7DS, Keith/VE7KW and Roger/ZS6RJ. The second team (SSB, RTTY, some CW and PSK) will be active between March 22nd and April 1st.

Each team will operate 4 stations on the air together. Equipment will be 2x Elecraft K3's, 2x Kenwood TS-590's and 4x Expert 1K or 1.3K FA linear amplifiers. Antennas are 4x NA4RR hex-beams at 40 feet each with Yaesu rotators, 2x inverted L's with remote MFJ 1.5Kw tuners for 40 through 160 meters and K9AY receiving antennas. The SSB team will also participate in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest. Both teams will be active on 160-6 meters. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1825, 3520 7018, 10105, 14018, 18075, 21018, 24905 and 28018 kHz
SSB - 1845, 3790 7085, 14180, 18145, 21180, 24960 and 28480 kHz
RTTY - 3610, 7042, 10140, 14082, 18102, 21082, 24912 and 28082 kHz
6m - 50110/CW and 50110/SSB

Daily free LoTW and Clublog uploads will be provided, and they will use the band-slot

tracking feature in Clublog to promote a competitive spirit amongst the DX fraternity. Log is available at:

https://secure.clublog.org/expeditions/7QAA

They feel due to the extended 20 day operating period there will be ample time to work the "little pistols" as well as the band-slot chasers. QSL Manager is Dick, N7RO. For more details, see their Web page at:

http://www.malawidx.org/index.html

8Q, MALDIVES

Ben, DL1RNT, will be active as 8Q7NT from Embudu, **South Male Atoll (AS-013)**, between March 25th and April 2nd. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using mostly CW with some RTTY and PSK. Radio is an IC-7100 with 100 watts into a vertical. QSL via his home callsign.

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA

Members of the North of Peninsular Malaysia ARA Boys Contest n' DXers will be active as 9M2M (old call 9M2SM) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-1 entry. QSL via direct. Oper- ators mentioned are Afiq/9W2AHU, Ahmad/9M2AGC, Hairil/9M2GET, Han/9W2SBD, Mohamad/9W2SBL, Mohd/9W2MNW, Oja/9M2OUT, Rizal/9M2RDX, Syed/9M8SYA, Weerut/9W2RUT and Zaki/9M2ZAK.

9N, NEPAL (Possible Delay)

Just a reminder that three Polish operators will activate Kathmandu, Nepal, between March 18-30th. The callsign will be announced upon arrival. However, according their Web page on Friday:

> "Nepal's only international airport has been closed after a Turkish Air- lines plane skidded off the runway early Wednesday morning. Airport officials say flight service might resume by evening, but they are yet to find the way to pull the crashed aircraft off the runway."

A picture of the plane is available on the Web page. Operators mentioned are Bogdan/SP2FUD, Janusz/SP9FIH and Rafal/SQ9CNN. For more details and updates, watch:

http://9n.dxpeditions.org

9V1YC DXPEDITION VIDEOS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

James, 9V1YC, has now posted his great videos online at VIMEO to view for FREE!!! There are 12 videos available at:

https://vimeo.com/user36455730/videos

A2, BOTSWANA

Gerard (Gert), ZS6AYU, will once again be active as A25GF between March 19-21st. Activity will be on 40-10 meters (as well as 6m) using CW. Six meters operations will takes place from WW Loc. KH22od beaming North. Gert hopes to be on the air between 1500z until around 1800z on 50.097 MHz CW. QSL via ZS6AYU, direct or by the Bureau.

A6, U.A.E.

Andy, DK5ON, will be active as A6/DK5ON from Abu Dhabi and Dubai, United Arab Emirates, between March 18-27th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. NO eQSL.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE IARU/ITU/REF

To celebrate the 90th anni- versaries of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) and the Reseaux des Emetteurs Francais (REF), and the 150th anniversary of the Inter- national Telecommunications Union (ITU), look for the following special event station from different French areas/entities to be active on the air:

TO90IARU - April 4-18th; from Martinique
TK90IARU - April 4-18th; from Corsica
TM90WARD - April 17-19th; from France
TM90REF - May 17-31st; from France
TM150ITU - May 3-17th; from France
TM150UIT - May 3-17th; from France

* ALL QSOs will be automatically confirmed by Bureau from the REF QSL Bureau.

C6, BAHAMA ISLANDS

Gordon, G3USR, will be active as C6AGM from Grand **Bahama Island (NA-080)** between April 22-28th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using a Yaesu FT-450, with 100 watts into a vertical wire or vertical dipole. QSL via his home callsign direct only. NO Bureau.

CQMM DX CONTEST

The CWJF Group (Grupo Juizforano de CW) has announced that they have improved their Web page

http://www.cwjf.com.br

. They would also remind you about their upcoming 2015 CQMM DX Contest (April 18-19th). Contest details at:

http://www.cqmmdx.com

DX0, SPRATLY ISLANDS (Update)

Exact dates are still not known yet for the DX0P DXpedition to **Pagasa Island (AS-051)** sometime in April. It was mentioned this past week that the team must leave Manila on April 13th for Palawan Island to recover their stored equipment. The plan was to stay overnight in Palawan and than go the next day to Pagasa Island. Operators mentioned are Jose/DU1BP, Joe/DU2BOQ, RJ/DU7RJA, Jun/DV1JM, Bern/K6BF, Alex/K6BG, Leo/WA6LOS (Team Leader), Billy/WE6DX, Joel/WJ1P/DU1JP, Chito/ WW6CP and Rey/K6ZRH. Activity is planned for 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and JT-65. QSL via WA6LOS. They have a FaceBook page at:

https://www.facebook.com/DX0P2015

E3, ERITREA

Members of the SEISA/Foundation for Global Children continue to be active as E30FB until

March 17th. They reported earlier in the week that two of their antennas and one logging laptop was damaged during shipment to Eritrea. Their plans to use the WARC bands during last week's contest had to be cancelled. They had to implement backup antennas and they tried to obtain another laptop to allow for a fourth station. Paul, N6PSE, mentioned that the Internet is a big problem in Eritrea, and stated to,

> "Please do not send the team members anything other than text messages. Recordings, sound files and propagation documents cannot be opened. Remember what 26KBS dial up was like?"

As this was being written on Sunday, the log on ClubLog states as of March 15th at 1159z, they have made 50121 QSOs with 17373 Unique callsign (20917/CW, 27702/SSB and 1502/RTTY). Breakdown by Continents: 323/AF, 1/AN, 4610/AS, 30823/EU, 13289/NA, 423/OC and 652/SA. The ClubLog URL is:

https://secure.clublog.org/charts/?c=E30FB

Remember, QSL Manager is Tim, M0URX. If you wish to make a donation via PayPal, their address is **jh1ajt@fgc.or.jp** (note-please do not send E-mail to this address, it is for PayPal purposes only). They now have a Web site up at:

http://eritreaproject.net

ET, ETHIOPIA

Tevfik, TA1HZ, who was recently active as T88HZ, is expected to be active (callsign not known yet). QSL via LoTW or his QSL Manager LZ3HI. Tevfik states, "No direct requests as I will be moving to ET for the next 3 years. I will be coming to Istanbul every 6 months and I will not be able to answer any incoming mail in between."

FG, GUADELOUPE

Bruno, F5CCX will be active as FG/F5CCX from **Guadeloupe (NA-102**, DIFO FG-019) between March 17-26th. Activity will be on the HF bands mainly on the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign, direct, eQSL or by the Bureau.

GP0, GUERNSEY ISLAND

The St. Helens Radio Club is once again active from **Guernsey Island (IOTA EU-114)** as GP0STH (GP0 ST. Helens). Operators (from Cobo Bay) Ron/G4DIY and Alan/G4NXG expect to be active until March 17th. Activity is usually on 40/30/20/17/15/12/10 meters CW/SSB on the usual DXpedition frequencies. QSL via LoTW or via G4DIY direct.

H27, CYPRUS

Tony, RT9T/5B4ALB, will once again be active as H27A during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 28-29th), but this time as a Single-Op entry. QSL via RW3RN.

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AS-201. Markus, DJ4EL, will be active as TA0/DJ4EL from **Buyukada Island** between March 29th and April 12th. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW or via his home callsign by the Bureau and direct. Look for updates on his Twitter page at:

https://twitter.com/rapanuiman

EU-046. Waldi, SP7IDX, will be active as LA/SP7IDX from **Vannoya Islands**, Norway, between June 17-27th. Activity will be holiday style (fishing trip and work) on 80-10 meters

using SSB and RTTY. Equipment an IC7100 + PA + HEXBEAM + inv-L for 80-40m. QSL via the Bureau. Depending on the Internet access availability; logs will be available on LoTW and Clublog.

EU-051. Opertaors Giovanni/IK5BCM and Andrea/IU5BLZ will be active from **Ustica Island** between May 9-16th. Callsign(s) were not provided. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes.

NA-212. (Update) Dan, HR2DMR, is expected to be active as H76W from **Farallones de Cosiguina** sometime during mid/late July (possibly between 23-28th) and also to include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). Activity depends on the Honduran and Nicaraguan Navy officers. QSL via KD4POJ. Web page will be forthcoming.

OC-130. Marc, ON5SM, will once again be active as DU9/ON5SM from **Mindanao Island** (WLOTA 2803) between March 16th and April 25th. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct (see QRZ.com). Log will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL.

OC-220. Craig, VK5CE will be active as VK5CE/P from **St. Peter Island** between March 29th and April 1st. Activity will be on 80-10 meters mainly SSB. For a band schedule, more detailed and possible updates, see Craig's Blog page at:

http://iotaoc220.blogspot.com.au

OC-250. Operators Din/YB8RW and Adhi "Bimbo"/YB3MM will be active as YB8RW/3 and YB3MM/P, respectively, from **Masalembo Besar Island** between March 25-27th. If transportation is available, Masalembo Kecil and Karamian Islands (same IOTA group) will also be activated. Activity wil be on CW and SSB. QSL YB8RW/3 direct or via OQRS (ClubLog), and NO Bureau QSLs. QSL YB3MM/P via PAYPAL (direct - see **QRZ.com**) or via IZ8CCW. Bureau OK, but it will take more than 3 years.

SA-030. Members of Radiogrupo Sur will be active as CV5A from **Flores Island** (RGS CX-014, WLOTA LH-0528, ARLHS URU-001) between March 20-22nd. Activity will be on all HF bands and modes. QSL via CX2ABC. Visit their Web page at:

http://www.cv5a.cx.uy

J7, DOMINICA

Jan, SM5TJH, currently active as J79TJH from **Dominica (NA-101)** until March 22nd. He informs OPDX that he will be mostly on 20-6 meters using an IC-706 w/100 watts into a Carolina Windom 160 (265'). QSL via home call, LOTW.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA

Take, JG8NQJ, will once again be active as JG8NQJ/JD1 from **Marcus Island** in the **Minami Torishima (OC-073**, JCG 10007) group between mid-March until mid-June. He is usually there to work on the island's weather station. Activity will be limited to his spare time. He will be mainly on 17 meters but also on 15/12/10 meters CW. QSL via JA8CJY, by the Bureau or direct to: Susumu 'Sin' Sanada, 5-17, 5-4, Shin-Ei, Toyohira, Sapporo 004, Japan. Online log is available at:

http://dx.qsl.net/cgi-bin/logform.cgi?jd1-jg8nqj

JD1, OGASAWARA

Nobuaki, JA0JHQ, will once again be active as JD1BOW from **Chichijima Island (AS-031)** between March 28-31st. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW and SSB. However, his focus will be on the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 28-29th). QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. Visit his Blog page at:

http://pandasan.jimdo.com

JD1, OGASAWARA

Makoto, JI5RPT, will once again be active as JD1BLY from **Chichijima Island (AS-031)** between April 29th and May 5th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (NO 6m EME). QSL via his home callsign JI5RPT. His log search will be available on his Web site at:

http://www.ji5rpt.com/jd1

He will also use Twitter to inform his real-time activities at:

http://twitter.com/jd1bly

K1N NAVASSA DXPEDITION (Detailed Article)

Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, has written a detailed article regarding all aspects of planning and executing the recent k1N Navassa Island DXpedition. You can download a full color copy from the Twin Cities DX Association (TCDXA) Web site. Select the March 2015 issue of the "Gray Line Report" from here:

http://www.tcdxa.org/Newsletters/March2015Grayline.pdf

Glenn's article is going to give you the complete story, showing that you don't simply pack up a bunch of equipment and set sail to a distant DX location. DXpeditions of this scale take professional levels of planning, negotiations, and execution during every step of the way.

KP4, PUERTO RICO

Rafael, KP4RV, will be active from Luquillo during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 28-29th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m) entry. QSL via AI4U direct only and by the Bureau via KP4RV.

OE15, AUSTRIA (Special Event)

The Amateur Radio Section of ORF (Austrian Broadcasting Corporation) and the Documentary Archive Radio Communications/ QSL Collection will operate, for 72 hours only, a special event station with the callsign OE15M on Friday, April 24th Sunday, April 26th (00:00- 24:00 UTC). OE15M is an official "International Marconi Day" station. Contacts made on Saturday, April 25th, are valid for the IMD Award (see IMD-Info - **http://g4usb.net/IMD/imd-2015/**). QSL info available at:

http://www.qrz.com/db/oe15m

Bureau QSL via OE1WHC.
Press Contact: Wolf Harranth, OE1WHC **office@dokufunk.org**
QSL motif download at: **http://www.qsl.at/down/oe15m.tif**

P4, ARUBA

Operators Dave/N4QS and Dave/NU4N will be active from Carl's,P49V (SK), "Cook's Radio Retreat" **http://www.p49v.com** on **Aruba (SA-036)** between May 26th and June 2nd. Activity will include the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 30-31st). Callsign(s) are not known yet. Outside of the contest, activity will be on all bands and 6m, probably on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via NU4N.

P5, NORTH KOREA (Press Release #1)

Col, MM0NDX, posted the following on March 10th [edited]:

> On February 28th, broke the news that Dom 3Z9DX had written permission to operate amateur radio from a VERY wanted DXCC entity. Today, we can reveal that entity is North Korea (P5).
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> Dom 3Z9DX explains he has received a further letter from authorities in Pyongyang inviting him to a final meeting to discuss [and for him to accept] rules by the North Korean military and the relevant telecommuni- cations department.
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> This meeting will take place in December with activity planned for January or February 2016.
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> According to P5 telecoms, Dom will be permitted only three bands (20- 15-10) likely using a multiband vertical from a secured place in Pyongyang with two government supervisors over-looking 24/7. Activity will last for 5 days.
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> At the moment this is a solo expedition to the #1 Most wanted entity using SSB only. He is working hard behind the scenes to get one more op (CW) to join him.
>
> Please realize this project is a work in progress and to understand that it may only be Dom who operates from North Korea. There will be more updates and a website throughout 2015. Any questions via Press Officer, Col MM0NDX..... 73 Col MM0NDX for "P5-2016 Project" by 3Z9DX.

PJ4, BONAIRE

Just a reminder that Chas, NK8O/VE3ISD, will be active as PJ4/NK8O from **Bonaire (SA-006**, WLOTA LH-1279) between March 17th and April 13th. His activity will be with 5 watts and on 20-10 meters (maybe 40m) CW. QSL via LoTW and eQSL.

INTERESTING ENTITY AIRED (Possible New One??)

Scotty, WK3N, informs OPDX just before going to print [edited]:

> "A non issued callsign being used today, March 15, 2015, on 15 and 12 meters is D0B. Claiming to be in Donetsk People Republic. Does such a place really exist? The answer is yes. Check Wikipedia at:
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> **http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donetsk_People%27s_Republic**
>
> The Donetsk People's Republic (DPR or DNR) is an unrecognized state and a rebel group based in the Donetsk oblast of Ukraine, where it controls territory. Will it ever become a ARRL entity? Not very likely. No QSL manager yet to be

announced. WFWL = Work First - Worry Later!"

PJ7, ST. MAARTEN

Kevin, K4BDR, will be active as PJ7/K4BDR from St. Maarten between April 12-17th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using SSB and Digital modes. This will be a portable, solar and backpack operation. QSL via LoTW.

PQ2, BRAZIL (Satellite/6m Op)

Operators Pedro/PR8ZX and Augusto/PU8MET will be active as PQ2ZXT and PQ2/PU8MET, respectively, from Tocantins State (WW Loc. GI64) between March 20-22nd. Activity will be on the satellites and 6 meters. There are very few operators in this state. QSL via LoTW or their home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (March 16-22nd)

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Mar/16th LN      Mar/19th  AN      Mar/21st  AN
Mar/17th HN      Mar/20th  AN      Mar/22nd  HN
Mar/18th AN
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SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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 NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
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AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed  Severe Storm K=6-9       100-400
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REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE http://www.bandconditions.com:
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software pre- dictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (March 8th and 15th)
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5Q0PI via OZ6PI          EX2F via RW6HS (d)       PJ2/DH6TJ via DH6TJ (d)
7QAA via N7RO            F/TU5KG via F4DXW (d)    PJ4/DG1SGW via DG1SGW
9Y4NW via EB7DX          G7Y via M0ZDZ            PJ7AA via AA9A
9Q0HQ via I2YSB          GP0STH via G4DIY (d)     PR70FEB via PS7AB
A61DJ via A61BK          HC1MD/HC2 via K8LJG      PW2D via M0OXO
DK60ZAB via DK0ZAB       IF9/IW9GTD via IW9GTD    RG61PP via RZ3LC
DL1965WH via DL1WH       II9IGJ via IT9MRM (d)    RG61PP via RZ3LC
DR1X via DF8XC           IQ0OT via 9A8AOT         S590IARU via (S5-B)
EA8/OH2BP via OH2BP      IQ9ZZ via 9A8AOT         SE4E via SM4DQE
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EA9EU via EA5KB          IY7M via IZ7XNB          SP85PZK via SP0PZK
ED3D via EA3RCB          KH7XX via EB7DX (d)      T46A via (CO-B)
ED4X via EA4GQJ          L49DZV via LU7DZV        T88YA via JH1NWN
ED5LD via EA5LD          LO5D via LU8EOT          TM0T via F4DXW (d)
ED7P via EA7PP           OK1NG/TI7 via OK1NG      TM8YT via F5KLJ
ED7R via EA7IZJ          OL5Y via OK1FUA          V5/G3TXF via G3TXF
EE7Y via EC7WA           OP0P via ON6DP           VP9/G3VYI via G3VYI
EF1W via EA1WS           OS0S via ON4ZD           VU4A via DL4KQ
EF3P via EA3GP           OT4T via ON4BPM          VU4I via DL4KQ
EG7FC via EA7TR          OX3XR via PA3249 (d)     YT90IARU via (YU-B)
EH3DWN via EA3HKY        P4/WA2NHA via WA2NHA     ZY2B via PY2UD
  (e) eQSL only  (d) direct only   (B) Bureau only  (L) LoTW only
  (O) OQRS only  (C) ClubLog only
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QSL LY25LY via LRMD, by the Bureau or direct. Members of the Lietuvos Radijo Megeju Draugija (LRMD) were active with this special callsign to celebrate Lithuanian Independence Day (March 9th). For more details and QSL address, see:

http://qrz.com/db/ly25ly

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3G0ZC, 5N6/YL2SW, 8P2K, 9A1A, 9A5X, A25TQ, CN8KD, CX6VM, DG1VL, DH6DAO, DK7GH, DL1NRC, DL3XM, DS4AOW, EA2WD, EA3GP, EI6FR, F1PNJ, F5PAU, FG/F6ARC, FK8IK, FP/KV1J, HI8LAM, HP1CDZ, JA0FSB, JA1DDZ, JA1DKT, JA1FVE, JA1QOW, JA1WSK, JA6GMC, JA7MOL, JA7BWT, JA7EPO, JA8DKJ, JA9APS, JA9CWJ, JH1MHR, JH1VHU, JH3CUL, JH8EJA, JI1CPN, JK3NSD, JL1RUC, JN1THL, JY4CI, KG4HF, OH4KZM, RA6AR, SP1DMD, SP5OXJ, SP6IHE, SV2AEG, T30D, UA4CR, UA6UI, UN1L, UX3UN, VK8NSB, VK9LC and YV5OIE

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 1A0C, 7Q7VW, A25TQ, A71AM, B9/BY9GA, CO2WL, E20AS (AS-125), EA9/DL2RNS, FO/K8PGJ, FO5RH (OC-066), FT4TA, HB0/HB9LCW, KG4HF, KP2/AG2J, KH6/K1YR, PJ7/N0TG, RK10WZ/P (EU-153), T6T, TC0MI (AS-201) and UK8ZC

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3D2GC/P, 4S7BRG, LZ2MAT/MM, LZ01WFF, LZ14IARU, LZ20TRC, LZ37MP, LZ69VZ, LZ110RF, LZ1000TS, LZ1375IKA and LZ1680MTS

T30/T32/T33, W. KIRIRIBATI, E. KIRIBATI AND BANABA ISLANDS

Haru, JA1XGI, has announced that he has renewed the licenses T30XG, T32XG then T33XG, and plans to activate them again between the end of November and December 2015. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

TI, COSTA RICA

Operators Mira/OK1NG and Jirka/OK1IEC are now active as homecall/TI7 from Costa Rica until April 6th. Activity will be on holiday style on the HF bands using CW, SSB, and some RTTY/PSK depending on the conditions at the site. A special QSL card will be made. QSL via their home callsigns by the Bureau or LoTW. You can see the propagation forecast to TI at:

http://www.ol1c.cz/images/FOTKY/TI7/TI7.htm

TM30, FRANCE (Special Event)

Each year to celebrate the anniversary of Union Francaise des Telegraphistes (UFT), and

usually around the annual meeting of the UFT, members of the "French CW Op's Club will activate the special callsign TMxxUFT. This year is the 30th anniversary of the UFT and the special callsign TM30UFT will be aired between April 12-26th.

Activity will be on the HF and VHF bands, usually CW only. Operators mentioned are Clo/F5JER (YL), Evi/F5RPB (YL), Ghislain/F6CEL, Francis/F5QF, Alain/F6ENO, Didier/F5JVP, Bruno/F5AGB, André/F5AKL, Laurent/F5PBM, Tony/ F8ATS, Jean-Claude/F9IQ, Antoine/F5RAB, Jean-Pierre/F6AJM, Paul/F5JSQ and Maurice/F5NQL.

All the QSOs will be automatically confirmed via the French REF Bureau (only this one). SWL cards follow the same way. Direct QSLs go via Gerard/F6ICG, w/SAE and 1 IRC or 2 USDs (**QRZ.com** information is OK).

V2, ANTIGUA

Operators Babs/DL7AFS and Lot/DJ7ZG are once again active as V21ZG from Antigua (NA-100). The length of their stay is not known. Activity will be holiday style and probably last for a few weeks. Their operations will be on 80-6 meters using SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via DL7AFS or LoTW. Watch their Web page for updates at:

http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs

VISALIA INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION NEWS

CONTEST DINNER. Jeff, WK6I, reports: Please use the following link to pay for your dinner in advance:

http://www.dxconvention.com/pages/dinners-contest.html

All the info is there, including the program etc.....

IOTA DINNER (Update)

Official Registration for the Visalia IOTA DINNER has started 5 days early. All those who indicated (Yes) or (Maybe) in a previous Pre-Planning version of the online webform have been emailed dinner payment instructions. Please be sure to check for this important email (including all SPAM filter mailboxes) with the Subject line "VISALIA IOTA DINNER REGISTRATION".

All others who want to attend the 20th ANNIVERSARY Edition of the VISALIA IOTA DINNER need to fill out a short Registration form and then make payment either by PayPal or via Snail Mail with a check. PayPal is Preferred. The deadline for Registration and Payment is March 31st, 2015. The website URL is:

http://www.k6vva.com/iotadinner

For the first time at Visalia, there will be IOTA Card Checking for U.S.A. IOTA operators by several of the U.S.A. IOTA "Checkpoints" who will be attending the Convention. Details are now on this IDXC website page:

http://www.dxconvention.com/pages/qsls.html

73 & Hope to CU at the VISALIA IOTA DINNER!
Rick, K6VVA, 2015 VISALIA IOTA DINNER Coordinator
Ray, N6VR and Will, WC6DX (Assistant Coordinators)

VP8, FALKLAND ISLANDS

Operators Arliss/W7XU (VP8DXU), Holly/N0QJM (VP8QJM) and Marshall/K5QE (VP8DQE) will be active from the **Falkland Islands (SA-002)** between March 16-26th. Look for activity on the HF bands by VP8QJM (RTTY on 30/20m) and VP8DXU (CW). VP8DQE will be on 2m EME. QSL VP8DXU and VP8QJM via W7XU. QSL VP8DQE via K5QE.

VU, INDIA (Update)

Geo, HB9CPS, is now active as VU3LYT from India until March 20th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters CW using a KX3 and an AlexLoop (preferring WARC bands). He informed OPDX that he used the same setup as A25/HB9CPS. Expected operations will be between 0200-0400 and 1400-1800 UTC. He will operate as VU3LYT from the states of Tamil Nadu and Kerala. QSL via his home callsign.

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